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DR. R. F. STAAR SPEAKS
AT PARK COLLEGE.

Struggle in Russia Can Lead
to Overthrow, International
Relations Group Hears.

A constant struggle for power in Russia could result in the overthrow of the Communist system of government at any time, Dr. Richard F. Staar, Arkansas State college, said last night.

Dr. Staar, a professor of political science, spoke to about 60 persons at the final session of the 11th annual International Relations week at Park college. He was formerly an intelligence specialist on Russia and Eastern Europe for the State department and the Central Intelligence agency.

"Economically the Communist system is on the brink of collapse," Dr. Staar said. "All of this talk about East-West trade is not for better relations with us but that they need the trade."

Dr. Staar said there must be a change in Russia before there could be a successful overthrow of communism in any of the satellite countries.

"The countries in Eastern Europe are gaining measures of independence from Russia but not from communism," he said. "The return to power of Gomulka as first secretary of the Polish Communist party is an example of this. This was a bloodless revolution against Russian control of the Polish government."

The Hungarian revolution, he added, could have been successful if it had not attempted too much and if the people had been satisfied with a national form of commu-

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